

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, as amended, and consideration of the following remarks. Claims 36-47 have been cancelled. Claims 1-35 and 48-55 remain pending. Claims 44 and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 36-47 stand rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 44 and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as claims 44 and 47 have been cancelled. Applicant therefore contends that this rejection is moot and requests the rejection be withdrawn. Applicant has chosen to cancel claims 36-47 to expedite issuance of the present application. Applicant ***does not concede*** that claims 44 and 47 are indefinite and further, Applicant reserves the right to present claims of the same scope as claims 44 and 47 in a continuation application(s).

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 36-47 stand rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) in view of Denton et al (US Patent 4,266,113). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as claims 36-47 have been cancelled. Applicant therefore contends that this rejection is moot and requests the rejection be withdrawn. Applicant has chosen to cancel claims 36-47 to expedite issuance of the present application. Applicant ***does not concede*** that Denton et al anticipates claims 36-47 and further, Applicant reserves the right to present claims of the same scope as claims 36-47 in a continuation application(s).

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-35 and 48-55 contain allowable subject matter as filed.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims 1-35 and 48-55 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact George B. Leavell at (408) 749-6900, ext 6923.

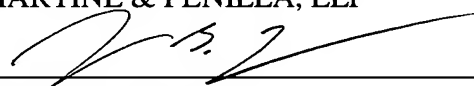
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Ref RONLP003) for any charges that may be due or credit our account for any overpayment. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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